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Dumb Animals never have been and never will be, in this generation, protected from cruelty in places where they have no friends willing to organize to protect them. GEO. T. ANGELL.

CONDENSED INFORMATION.

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

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The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was incorporated March, 1868, being the second incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals in America, the first being in New York. *At that time any man in Massachusetts could permit his dumb animals to starve to death if he pleased, and there was no law to punish him.* The following act of incorporation was signed by the Governor, March 23, 1868: —

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. William Gray, Samuel G. Howe, Geo. T. Angell, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of *The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions set forth in all general laws which now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations, with authority to hold real and personal estate, for the purposes of the corporation, not exceeding in amount one hundred thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The title of this Society is "The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

ARTICLE 2. Its object shall be to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout this Commonwealth and elsewhere.

ARTICLE 3. There shall be nothing in its management or publications to interfere with its receiving the full support of all good men and women of all parties and churches whatsoever.

ARTICLE 4. The Society shall consist of Active Life Members, Associate Life Members, Active Members, Associate Members, Honorary Members, and Branch Members.

ARTICLE 5. Any person may become an Active Life Member of this Society by paying to the Society one hundred dollars; an Associate Life Member by paying fifty dollars; an Active Member by paying ten dollars per annum; an Associate Member by paying five dollars per annum; an Honorary Member by being elected as such; and a Branch Member by paying to the Society any sum not less than one dollar per annum. Children under eighteen years of age may become Associate Members on payment of one dollar per annum. Children may be made Branch Members on such terms as the Directors may decide.

ARTICLE 6. Active Life Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Society; Associate Life Members, to all the privileges except voting; Active Members, to all its privilege during the year terminating one week before the annual election of Directors; and Associate Members, to all its privileges during the same time, except that of voting. Honorary Members shall be entitled to all its privileges during the time of their membership. Branch Members shall receive all the publications of the Society.

ARTICLE 7. The officers of this Society shall be a President, who shall be also actually, or *ex-officio*, a member of the Board of Directors, Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, such number of Directors as the Society may deem expedient, and such other officers as the Directors may from time to time elect or appoint.

ARTICLE 8. The Directors shall be elected by the Society at its annual meeting, and shall hold office, except as hereafter set forth, until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE 9. All other officers shall be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors, and shall

hold office until their successors have been elected or appointed, unless removed by the Board.

ARTICLE 10. The Directors shall elect or appoint from their own number or otherwise, all officers of the Society heretofore named, and such others as they may deem proper, and shall specify the duties of said officers, and they may at any time remove the same, and elect or appoint others. They may fill vacancies in their own number; they may enact by-laws for themselves and the Society; make and establish all rules and orders for the government of the Society and its officers, and for the transaction of its business; remit the annual or other dues of any member of the Society; and, by two-thirds vote remove from their own body any member thereof, and from the Society any member thereof, when in their judgment the best interests of the Society shall require the same; and generally shall, during their term of office, have the full and complete management, control and disposal of the affairs, property and funds of the Society, with full power, for the purpose for which it was incorporated, to do all matters and things which the Society could do; but and except that they shall receive no pay whatever for any services rendered as such Directors, and they shall not incur, on account of the Society, any debt beyond the funds which shall be actually in the treasury during their term of office.

ARTICLE 11. The annual meeting of the Society shall be the last Tuesday in March of each year; and other meetings of the Society may be called at any time by the President, upon the written request of four Directors, by giving three days' notice thereof in two daily newspapers published in the city of Boston.

ARTICLE 12. The corporate seal of the Society shall be that already provided and presented to the Society by Mrs. William Appleton.

ARTICLE 13. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made, except upon motion in writing made at a meeting of the Society, entered on the minutes with the name of the member making it, and adopted at a subsequent meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

(*Amendment adopted* 1882.)

All who shall sign the pledge of the "Bands of Mercy" may, by the certificate of the President of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, be made "Band of Mercy" members of said Society; but they shall not by virtue thereof be entitled to the publications, or to the privileges of paying members.

(*Amendment adopted* 1884.)

The annual nominations for Directors shall be made not less than one week before each annual meeting by leaving the same with the Secretary, or acting Secretary, of the Society, who shall at once enter the same in a book kept at his office and open to the inspection of all members of the Society.

No person shall be voted for at any annual meeting as a Director, unless nominated, and his or her name entered, and kept as before stated, one week before said annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1st. The Directors, President and Treasurer shall be chosen by written or printed ballot.

2d. Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; or if only three be present at any meeting of which notice has been sent to the Directors, they shall constitute a quorum in regard to matters on which they unanimously agree.

3d. The meetings of the Directors shall be held monthly, and also whenever the President or acting President may call the same.

4th. The President or acting President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Directors, and, subject to the control of the Directors, shall take the general charge, care, oversight, and direction of the affairs of the Society. In his absence or inability the acting Vice-President may preside, or the Directors shall choose one of their own number to preside.

5th. The Secretary shall attend to correspondence and other business of the Society; keep in a suitable book copies of important letters written, and file such letters received; give notice of the meetings of the Society and Directors, and attend the same; keep a record of the proceedings and give notice to those affected by them; keep lists of members and donations; take charge of the rooms of the Society; keep in a safe manner its corporate seal, record books, documents, maps, and books; and perform such other duties as the President and Directors shall require. He shall also make a monthly report of all receipts and expenses.

6th. The Treasurer shall receive, keep, and invest the funds of the Society placed in his hands, and shall pay such sums as may be required for the expenses of the Society, subject to approval of the Finance Committee; shall pay over and deliver to the Trustees of the reserved and permanent fund, as may be voted by the Directors, and shall render an annual account to the Directors.

7th. Agents of the Society shall be appointed who shall co-operate in the performance of such duties as the President and Directors may prescribe.

8th. The by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, notice of the amendments having been given at the previous meeting of the Directors.

Its officers, June, 1904, are:—

President,
GEO. T. ANGELL, Boston.

Vice-Presidents,
His Excellency the Governor, and one hundred others throughout the State.

Treasurer, Hon. Henry B. Hill. *Assistant Treasurer,* Eben. Shute.

Secretary, Joseph L. Stevens. *Assistant Secretary,* Eben. Shute.

Trustees of Permanent Fund, Alfred Bowditch, Laurence Minot, Geo. T. Angell.

Chairmen of Committees: Finance, Laban Pratt. *Officers and Prosecution, Humane Education, Legislation,* Hon. Henry B. Hill. *Vivisection,* Albert A. H. Meredith.

Auditors, Laban Pratt, Albert A. H. Meredith.

Counsellor, Hon. Albert E. Pillsbury.

Prosecuting Agents at Boston Offices, C. A. Currier, Thomas Langlan, Jas. R. Hathaway, Chas. F. Clark, Jas. Duckering, Geo. W. Splaine, Frank G. Phillips.

The Society has ten prosecuting agents who are paid regular salaries, several others who are paid either partial salaries or salaries during a portion of the year, and about four hundred and fifty agents scattered over the State who report quarterly and work without pay. It has dealt thus far with *over two hundred and seventy-five thousand* cases of cruelty. A history of most of these cases is kept in numerous large volumes at its Boston offices.

It has circulated in this country and over the world several millions of copies of its humane publications, the principal one of which is its monthly paper, "*Our Dumb Animals,*" which was the first of its kind in the world. Of the

first number of this the Society printed in June, 1868, two hundred thousand copies. It has a wide circulation in this and other countries at the following low prices, payable in advance:

Single copies, per annum, 50 cents; for four copies and below ten, 45 cents each; for ten and below twenty-five, 40 cents each; for twenty-five and below fifty, 35 cents each; for fifty and below one hundred, 30 cents each; and for one hundred and more copies, 25 cents each. Postage free to all parts of the United States.

PRICES OF HUMANE PUBLICATIONS.

The following publications of the Massachusetts Society P. C. Animals and the American Humane Education Society are mailed from our offices at the following prices, free of postage:—

Autobiographical Sketches and Recollections, by Geo. T. Angell . cloth 25 cts., paper 10 cts.
Angell Prize Contest Recitations, paper 16 cts.
Black Beauty, in English or Italian, cloth 30 cts., paper 10 cts.
" " (German), . heavy paper 35 cts.
" " (Modern Greek) . paper 25 cts.
" " (Spanish) . . paper 10 cts.
The Strike at Shane's, cloth 25 cts., paper 10 cts.
Our Gold Mine at Hollyhurst, cloth 25 cts., paper 10 cts.
Four Months in New Hampshire, cloth 25 cts., paper 10 cts.
Beautiful Joe, cloth, large, 62 cts., small 30 cts.
For Pity's Sake, cloth 70 cts., paper 10 cts.
Address to Boston Public Schools by Geo. T. Angell, 2 cents each, or . . . $2.00 per 100
Humane Leaflets, Nos. 1 to 8, by Geo. T. Angell—
Eight of either No. or Nos., as wanted, 5 cents; twenty-four for 10 cents; one hundred, 25 cents.
Bird Leaflet, by Geo. T. Angell, $0.25 per 100
Twelve Lessons on Kindness to Animals, by Geo. T. Angell, at 2 cents for the whole twelve bound together, or . . . . . 2.00 "
Humane Horse Book, compiled by Geo. T. Angell, 5 cents each, or . 5.00 "
Humane Training and Treatment of the Horse, by H. C. Merwin, 1 cent each, or . . . . . 1.00 "
Protection of Animals, by Geo. T. Angell, ... 1.50 "
Five Questions Answered, by Geo. T. Angell, ...50 "
The Check-Rein, by Geo. T. Angell, ...60 "
Cruel Over-Check Card (two sides) .20 "
Overhead Check-Rein Card (ditto) .30 "
How to Kill Animals Humanely, . 1.00 "
Service of Mercy, ...65 "
Band of Mercy Information, . . 1.00 "
Fifty-two Band of Mercy Songs and Hymns, book form, two cents for the whole, or . . . . 2.00 "
Band of Mercy Sterling Silver Pins, .30 each.
Band of Mercy Metal Badges, 8 and 5 cents each.
Band of Mercy Ribbon Badges, gold stamped, 8 cents; printed, 4 cents. Celluloid button, 2 cents.
Band of Mercy Register, 8 cents.
Band of Mercy Cards of Membership, 2 cts. each.

The "*Twelve Lessons on Kindness to Animals*" have already gone to over 750,000 teachers and others, and been translated into foreign languages.

The "*Five Questions Answered*" have already had a circulation of over 500,000.

"*Cattle Transportation*" and "*Protection to Animals*" have been put before Congress and State Legislatures, with a very large outside circulation.

The "*Check-Rein*" has had in this and other countries a circulation of above a million.

Condensed Information, an eight-page pamphlet, by Geo. T. Angell, including all necessary for forming Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Bands of Mercy, and Mr. Angell's Address, etc., to the National Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union at Nashville, Tenn., we send without cost to everyone asking.

The Society has offered and given prizes to the children of Boston and the State for the best compositions on kindness to animals, and has done a great variety of humane work in fountains, check-rein signs, placards, and the prevention of special cruelties, which would require too much space to specify.

Nearly all of the Boston police have been made members of the Society.

Our Massachusetts laws are as follows:—

[Chapter 212.]

OVERDRIVING, UNDERFEEDING, CRUELLY WORKING, ABANDONING, ETC.

SECTION 70. Whoever overdrives, overloads, drives when overloaded, overworks, tortures, torments, deprives of necessary sustenance, cruelly beats, mutilates or kills an animal, or causes or procures an animal to be so overdriven, overloaded, driven when overloaded, overworked, tortured, tormented, deprived of necessary sustenance, cruelly beaten, mutilated or killed, and whoever, having the charge or custody of an animal, either as owner or otherwise, inflicts unnecessary cruelty upon it, or unnecessarily fails to provide it with proper food, drink, shelter or protection from the weather, and whoever as owner, possessor or person having the charge or custody of an animal, cruelly drives or works it when unfit for labor, or cruelly abandons it, or carries it or causes it to be carried in or upon a vehicle, or otherwise, in an unnecessarily cruel or inhuman manner, or knowingly and wilfully authorizes or permits it to be subjected to unnecessary torture, suffering or cruelty of any kind, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than two hundred and fifty dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 71. A corporation which violates any provision of the preceding section shall be punished by a fine as therein provided, and shall be responsible for the knowledge and acts of its agents and servants relative to animals transported, owned or used by it or in its custody.

DOCKING HORSES.

SECTION 72. Whoever cuts the bone of the tail of a horse for the purpose of docking the tail, or whoever causes or knowingly permits the same to be done upon the premises of which he is the owner, lessee, proprietor or user, or whoever assists in or is present at such cutting, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not

less than one hundred nor more than three hundred dollars. If a horse is so found with its tail so cut and with the wound resulting from such cutting unhealed, upon the premises of any person or in the charge and custody of any person, such fact shall be *prima facie* evidence of a violation of the provisions of this section by the owner or user of such premises or the person having such charge or custody, respectively.

RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION.

SECTION 73. Railroad corporations shall not permit animals which they are carrying or transporting to be confined in cars longer than twenty-eight consecutive hours without unloading them for at least five consecutive hours for rest, water and feeding, unless prevented by storm or accident. In estimating such confinement, the time during which the animals have been confined without such rest on connecting roads from which they are received shall be included. Animals so unloaded shall during such rest be properly fed, watered and sheltered by the owner or person having the custody of them, or, in case of his default, by the railroad corporation transporting them, at the expense of said owner or person in custody thereof. In such case the corporation shall have a lien upon such animals for food, care and custody furnished, and shall not be liable for such detention. A corporation, owner or custodian of such animals who fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars. The provisions of this section shall not apply to animals carried in cars in which they can and do have proper food, water, space and opportunity for rest.

ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT.

SECTION 74. A person found violating any provision of sections seventy and seventy-three may be arrested and held without a warrant as provided in section forty-seven; and the person making an arrest with or without a warrant shall use reasonable diligence to give notice thereof to the owner of animals found in the charge or custody of the person arrested, shall properly care and provide for such animals until the owner thereof takes charge of them, not, however, exceeding sixty days from the date of said notice and shall have a lien on said animals for the expense of such care and provision.

SEARCH WARRANTS.

SECTION 75. If complaint is made to a court or magistrate which is authorized to issue warrants in criminal cases that the complainant believes and has reasonable cause to believe that the laws relative to cruelty to animals have been or are violated in any particular building or place, such court or magistrate, if satisfied that there is reasonable cause for such belief, shall issue a search warrant authorizing any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable or police officer to search such building or place; but no such search shall be made after sunset, unless specially authorized by the magistrate upon satisfactory cause shown.

[Chap. 95.]

ABANDONED ANIMALS.

SECTION 13. An officer or agent of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals may take charge of an animal found abandoned which appears to be diseased or disabled beyond recovery for any useful purpose, and thereupon shall, as quickly as may be, cause it to be appraised under oath by two reputable citizens, who shall view the same in his presence and determine its value; and if such appraised value does not exceed five dollars, such officer may at once cause said animal to be killed in a humane manner. Said society shall thereupon be indebted to the owner for its value, unless the appraisers determine that its death was rendered necessary by the owner's wilful abandonment or cruelty, and said society shall pay to the appraisers a reasonable compensation for their services.

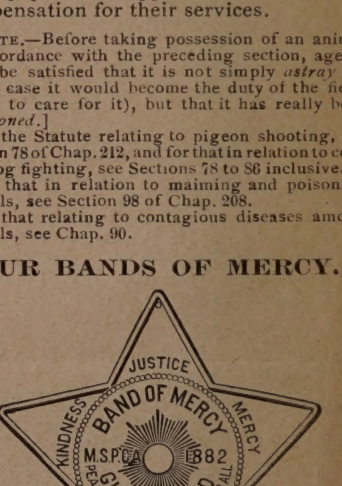
[NOTE.—Before taking possession of an animal in accordance with the preceding section, agents must be satisfied that it is not simply *astray* (in which case it would become the duty of the field-driver to care for it), but that it has really been *abandoned*.]

For the Statute relating to pigeon shooting, see Section 78 of Chap. 212, and for that in relation to cock and dog fighting, see Sections 78 to 86 inclusive.

For that in relation to maiming and poisoning animals, see Section 98 of Chap. 208.

For that relating to contagious diseases among animals, see Chap. 90.

OUR BANDS OF MERCY.



The Parent Band of Mercy of America was founded in Boston, Mass., on July 28, 1882, by Geo. T. Angell, President of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and Rev. Thomas Timmins, of Portsmouth, England.

1. Sing Band of Mercy hymn or song, and repeat the pledge together.

2. Remarks by President, and reading of report of last meeting by Secretary.

3. Readings, recitations, "Memory Gems," and anecdotes of good and noble sayings and deeds done to both human and dumb creatures, with vocal and instrumental music.

4. Sing Band of Mercy hymn or song.

5. Brief addresses. Members may then tell what they have done to make human and dumb creatures happier and better.

6. Enrollment of new members.

7. Sing Band of Mercy closing hymn or song.

Band of Mercy song and hymn books, containing fifty-two Band of Mercy songs and hymns, we furnish at two cents a copy.

All that we require of "*Bands*" is that they *recite the pledge once a month*, though of course we recommend regular meetings.

Many of the most eminent men and women of the nation belong to these "Bands of Mercy," which have been already organized in every State and almost every Territory.

All teachers of schools and Sunday schools, and all others wishing to do a kind act to benefit both human and dumb creatures are earnestly invited to remember, 1st, *that it costs nothing* to form a "Band of Mercy;" 2d, *that repeating the pledge once a month is all we require*; and 3d, *the offers before made to those who form.*

How are "THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS" and "THE AMERICAN HUMANE EDUCATION SOCIETY" supported?

By memberships, gifts, and legacies to their permanent funds and to pay expenses.

The prices of memberships in each Society are as follows:

Active Life,	$100.00
Associate Life,	50.00
Active Annual,	10.00
Associate Annual,	5.00
Children's,	1.00
Branch,	1.00

All regular members receive "OUR DUMB ANIMALS" free, and other publications of the Societies.

The following directions in regard to killing animals humanely are given to all our agents throughout the State, and to the police of our cities: —

THE HORSE.

Shooting. — Place the pistol muzzle within a few inches of the head, and shoot at the dot, aiming toward the centre of the head.

Blows. — Blindfold, and with a heavy axe or hammer strike just below the foretop at the point indicated in the present cut. Two vigorous, well-directed blows will make death sure.

Be careful not to shoot or strike too low.

THE DOG.

Shooting. — Place the pistol muzzle near the head, aiming *a little one side* of the centre of the top of the skull, and shoot downward at the dot so that the bullet shall go through the brain into or toward the neck.

Do not shoot too low, or *directly in the middle*, on account of thick bones.

From it have been formed, Nov., 1905, over sixty-three thousand branches, scattered over the United States and Canada, with probably above two million members.

They are *mostly* in schools, from the primary to the college, and in Sunday schools of all denominations, Protestant and Roman Catholic.

HOW TO FORM A BAND OF MERCY IN ANY SCHOOL OR ELSEWHERE.

After talking it over, pass this or a similar resolution:

Resolved, That we will form a Band of Mercy, the title of which shall be

——— ——— ——— BAND OF MERCY.

OFFICERS. — President, and if desired, also Secretary and Treasurer; and if desired, also an Executive Committee. Meetings to be held monthly, or oftener, evening or afternoon, or as a part of school or Sunday-school service; exercises to be such as the officers shall determine, which may include music, readings, recitations, anecdotes or addresses relating to kindness TO ALL, and particularly to dumb creatures, and calculated to impress upon children and all present the wisdom, love, and goodness of God in the animal creation, our duty towards them, and the gratitude we should have. Get a small book in which to keep the names and addresses of members. Handsome membership books for signatures of members cost eight cents each; cards of membership two cents each; imitation gold and silver badges five and eight cents each; ribbon badges four and eight cents each; button badges, a white star on blue ground, with gilt letters, in two sizes, five for ten cents; sterling silver pins thirty cents each.

THE COST.

It costs nothing to form a "Band of Mercy;" all that is required is this simple pledge:—

I WILL TRY TO BE KIND TO ALL HARMLESS LIVING CREATURES, AND TRY TO PROTECT THEM FROM CRUEL USAGE.

This may be written on a sheet of notepaper, and is intended to include *human* as well as *dumb* creatures.

Any person may become a member by taking the above pledge, publicly or privately. No ceremony or fee is required.

BADGES AND CARDS OF MEMBERSHIP are in no way essential to membership, but are furnished at less than cost to those who want them.

The Badge Pin, either gold or silver, imitation, is in the form of a star, and on it are these mottoes: "Glory to God;" "Peace on Earth;" and on the five points of the star, "*Kindness, Justice, Mercy to all.*" The letters "M. S. P. C. A." on the badge pins stand everywhere for *Merciful Society for Prevention of Cruelty to All.*

To each Band of thirty or more the Society sends, each month, without expense, for one year, a copy of its monthly paper, *Our Dumb Animals*, from which selections for readings, recitations &c., may be taken; also one copy of *Twelve Lessons on Kindness to Animals*, published by the Society, and full of interesting stories and information on that subject; also a copy of "Band of Mercy" Hymns and Songs; and to every teacher who forms a band of twenty or more in his or her school, the Society sends also, without cost, the above and a beautiful imitation gold badge. To obtain these send the name of Band and President or Secretary, with post-office address, giving the State as well as the town or city, to Geo. T. Angell, Esq., President, 19 Milk Street, Boston.

Any *boy*, *girl*, *man or woman* can come to our office, sign our "Band of Mercy" pledge, and receive, *without cost*, a beautifully tinted paper certificate that the signer is a *Life Member* of the "*Parent American Band of Mercy*," and also, if desired, a "*Band of Mercy*" *Member of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*, or can write us that they wish to join, and by enclosing a two-cent return postage stamp have names added to the list, and receive a similar certificate by mail. All Bands of Mercy can obtain these slips for the use of their members at the rate of ten for a cent. Those who wish the badge and large card of membership, can obtain them at the office by paying ten cents, or have them sent by mail by sending us, in postage stamps or otherwise, twelve cents.

For full information address George T. Angell, Esq., President, 19 Milk Street, Boston.

In public, private, parochial schools, homes and elsewhere, hold Band of Mercy meetings once a month or oftener; in Sunday schools once a month, in place of, or with Sunday-school concert, or have an address on the subject, or repeat pledge together.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

For meetings, the following simple order of exercises has been considerably adopted: —

In Boston and vicinity, when requested, we employ skilled persons to kill horses, dogs and cats humanely, *without charge to owners.*

For the purpose of giving our humane publications as wide circulation as possible, we sell many of them below cost, and have given away many hundreds of thousands of copies where we thought they would do good.

The President of the Society has given gratuitously, at his own expense, hundreds of lectures and addresses before legislatures, universities, colleges, schools, conventions of clergy, teachers, union meetings of churches on Lord's days, and a wide variety of audiences, and aided in forming humane societies, from Maine to Florida and New Orleans in the south, and to Minnesota and Dakota in the north. And the Society, in addition to its work in our own State, has done a large missionary work in other parts of our country.

All persons desiring further information are respectfully invited to address

GEO. T. ANGELL,
President,
19 Milk Street, Boston.

As we receive many thousands of letters from various parts of this and other countries, please *write with ink, very plainly, especially signatures,* and always *give the name of State as well as City or Town.*

To assist in organizing new Societies we have given our Act of Incorporation, Constitution, By-Laws, State Laws, &c. If something more simple is wanted we would suggest the following: —

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. The name of this Society shall be "The ——Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," or "—— Humane Society," if preferred.

2. Its object shall be the prevention of cruelty to animals by all proper means, and the prevention of *all* cruelty, by humane education and otherwise.

3. There shall be nothing in its management to interfere with its receiving the full support of all good men and women of all parties and religious opinions whatsoever.

4. Any adult person may become a member of this Society by the payment of $— per annum, and any child by the payment of $— per annum.

5. Its officers shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors, or Executive Committee, elected by the Society, and to serve one year, or until their successors shall be elected.

6. Meetings of the Society and its officers shall be held at such times and places as the Society or its Directors or Executive Committee shall appoint.

7. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall perform the duties usually devolving upon such officers respectively.

8. The officers of the Society may be either gentlemen or ladies, or both.

SUGGESTIONS.

The Society should have by-laws which shall contain nothing inconsistent with its constitution.

When societies are organized as branches of a State Society, that fact should appear in the name and constitution.

A Society of six persons who meet once a week, or even once a month, to talk over matters, is much better than no Society at all. Officers do not like to prosecute and incur the ill-will of persons who abuse animals when there is no Society to enter complaints or sustain them in doing it.

FORM OF WILL.

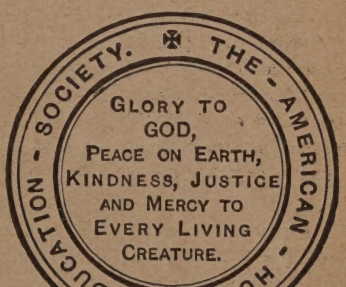
I do hereby give, devise, and bequeath to "The American Humane Education Society," incorporated by special act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, the sum of——[or if other property, describe the property.]

To give to "*The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,*" use the same words, only *substituting its name in place of* "The American Humane Education Society."

If there are inheritance or legacy taxes at the time of executing your will, please kindly say [if you so wish] that they are to be paid from the estate.

THE AMERICAN HUMANE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The first Society of its kind in the World.



Geo. T. Angell, *President.* Joseph L. Stevens, *Secretary.* Eben. Shute, *Assistant Secretary.* Hon. Henry B. Hill, *Treasurer.* Eben. Shute, *Assistant Treasurer.*

Trustees of Permanent Fund, Alfred Bowditch, Laurence Minot, Geo. T. Angell.

THE AMERICAN HUMANE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

"*The American Humane Education Society*," *the first of its kind in the world*, was incorporated as a National Society by Act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, March, 1889, with power to hold half a million of dollars free from taxation.

It received during its *first* year, in its permanent fund, real estate given by its president, valued at over three thousand dollars, and for present and future use money given by persons in various States to the amount of over eight thousand dollars more.

Its object is to carry humane education into all our American schools and homes, and to found "Humane Societies" and "Bands of Mercy" over the whole American Continent.

In its *first* year it founded in Western States *fourteen new* "*Humane Societies*" and *four hundred and sixty-six new* "*Bands of Mercy*," offered prizes to the students in all our American colleges, also to all American editors for best essays on the *Effect of Humane Education on the Prevention of Crime*, employed an active missionary, and sent nearly a hundred thousand copies of humane publications into every State and Territory except Alaska — *all in its first year.*

Since then it has employed *missionaries in the Western, Southern, and some of the Eastern States*, and through them and otherwise founded many Humane Societies *and more than 63,000 new* "*Bands of Mercy.*"

For the purpose of obtaining information on the following important subjects, it has offered prizes for the most valuable essays and letters on *Slaughtering*, *Cattle Transportation*, *Treatment of Cattle on the Plains*, *Effects of Cruelties to Animals on Public Health*, and *Vivisection.*

It sends its paper "*Our Dumb Animals*," of which between fifty and sixty thousand copies are printed monthly (and sometimes from seventy-five to one hundred thousand), to the nearly twenty thousand editors of all newspapers and magazines in North America north of Mexico.

It has published the book "*Black Beauty*," and has printed at prices which give no money profit, and caused to be printed, about two million copies. It has also printed above 300,000 copies of its three subsequent prize stories, recently published. It caused to be written the successful prize story "*Beautiful Joe*," of which more than 275,000 copies have thus far been issued.

It has taken up and is successfully carrying forward the "*Angell prize contests*" for prize speaking on humane subjects in all cities and towns, and advancing humane education in all its phases, instituted by a philanthropic lady of Ohio, recommended by many of the best organizations in this country, and favorably noticed by the press in our own and foreign countries.

It sends to contestants, on receipt of six cents to pay postage, and to all others for sixteen cents, a book of 192 pages, describing the plan and containing choice selections in prose and verse to be used in these contests. It furnishes, at the bare cost of one dollar, handsome sterling silver medals for the prize-winners. Also, at very low prices, for Bands of Mercy a variety of metal and ribbon badges, many thousands of which are worn by members.

These are *a part* of the things already done by "*The American Humane Education Society*" in its efforts to inculcate such principles of kindness and mercy that not only will animals be treated more humanely, but men, women, and children will become better and happier in all the relations of life. All persons wishing further information as to its plans and purposes will receive prompt answers by writing

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